

FISCAL NOTE

SB 22 - HB 1136

April 4, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Elevates the punishment for a first offense for aggravated cruelty to animals from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/Incarceration*
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes one Class E felony conviction each year.
Also, local government impact is decreased due to the offense being elevated to a felony.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director